United States or the District of Columbia, and at the expense of the operator/ lessee. The operator/lessee shall furnish, free of charge, duplicate copies of audit reports that express opinions on such compliance to the Associate Director for Royalty Management within 30 days after the completion of each audit. Where such audits are required, the Associate Director for Royalty Management will specify the purpose and scope of the audit and the information which is to be verified or obtained.

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Subpart F—Other Solid Minerals

§217.250 Audits.

An audit of the lessee's accounts and books may be made annually or at such other times as may be directed by the mining supervisor, by certified public accountants, and at the expense of the lessee. The lessee shall furnish free of cost duplicate copies of such annual or other audits to the mining supervisor, within 30 days after the completion of each auditing.

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§218.10 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in this part have been approved by OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501

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et seq. The forms, filing date, and approved OMB clearance numbers are identified in 30 CFR 210.10.

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§ 218.40 Assessments for incorrect or late reports and failure to report.

- (a) An assessment of an amount not to exceed \$10 per day may be charged for each report not received by MMS by the designated due date.
- (b) An assessment of an amount not to exceed \$10 may be charged for each incorrectly completed report.
- (c) For purposes of reports required for the Auditing and Financial System (AFS), a report is defined as each line item on a Form MMS-2014. The line item consists of the various information, such as Product Code or Selling Arrangement Code, relating to each Accounting Identification Number (AID).
- (d) An assessment under this section shall not be shared with a State, Indian tribe, or Indian allottee.
- (e) The amount of the assessment to be imposed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be established periodically by MMS. The assessment amount for each violation will be based on MMS's experience with costs and improper reporting. The MMS will publish a Notice of the assessment amount to be applied in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 218.41 Assessments for failure to submit payment of same amount as Form MMS-2014 or bill document or to provide adequate information.

- (a) An assessment of an amount not to exceed \$250 may be charged when the amount of a payment submitted by a payor is not equivalent in amount to the total of individual line items on the associated Form MMS 2014 or bill document, unless the difference in amount has been authorized by MMS.
- (b) An assessment of an amount not to exceed \$250 may be charged for each payment submitted by a payor that cannot be automatically applied by AFS to the associated Form MMS-2014

- or bill document because of inadequate or erroneous information submitted by the payor. For purposes of this section, inadequate or erroneous information is defined as:
- (1) Absent or incorrect payor assigned document number, required to be identified by the payor in Block 3a on a Form MMS-2014, or the reuse of the same payor assigned document ("3a") number in a subsequent reporting period.
- (2) Absent or incorrect bill document invoice number (to include the four character alpha prefix and the eight digit number) or the payor-assigned 3a number required to be identified by the payor on the associated payment document, or the reuse of the same payor assigned 3a number in a subsequent reporting period.
- (3) Absent or incorrect name of the administering Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency/Area office and the word "allotted" or the tribe name on payment documents remitted to MMS for an Indian tribe or allottee. If the payment is made by EFT, the payor must identify the tribe/allottee on the EFT message by a pre-established five digit code.
- (4) Absent or incorrect MMS assigned payor code on a payment document.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the term "Form MMS-2014" includes submission of reports of royalty information by magnetic media. Magnetic media submissions include submissions by magnetic tape, magnetic cartridge, or floppy diskette.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a bill document is defined as any Bill of Collection (Form DI-1040b) that has been issued by MMS for assessments, late-payment interest charges, or other amounts owed.
- (e) For purposes of this section, a payment document is defined as one of the payment methods identified in §218.51(a)(3).
- (f) The amount of the assessment to be imposed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be established periodically by MMS. The assessment amount will be based on MMS' experience with costs and improper reporting and/or payment as specified in this section. The MMS will